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The first meeting of the Mothers Club for the year 1931-32 was held Thursday afternoon, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at the home of Mrs. Lura Parsons with an attendance of ten members and <sup>three</sup> two children.

The meeting was opened by the retiring president, Mrs. Brown, who conducted the short business meeting which consisted of the reading of the annual report and the report of the last meeting. Both reports were accepted as read with the exception of one correction in the annual report.

Before declaring a short recess, after which our incoming president, Mrs. Knight, took the chair Mrs. Brown said she wished to thank the members, present and non-present, who helped her in the two years she served as president of the club and said she wished them to know that she appreciated fully the way in which they had been willing to help when called upon to do so.

Mrs. Knight opened the usual devotional service by leading the club in the reading of the 121<sup>st</sup> Psalm. This was followed by the Lord's Prayer which was



said in unison after which two verses of the hymn "Dear Lord and Father of mankind" was sung.

Following this service the roll was called to which the members responded with various items of interest.

Mrs. Knight showed us a health pamphlet issued by the Met. Life Insurance Co. entitled Seeing is Believing showing the improvement in the health of the American people from 1911-1930.

According to statistics the average person lived  $5\frac{1}{8}$ <sup>years</sup> longer in 1930 than in 1911 which is due largely to the campaigns which have been waged to lengthen human life.

Our president read a letter from Mrs. Sheffield in which she expressed most beautifully her thanks and appreciation for the letter of sympathy sent her by the club at the time of the passing on of her beloved father.

Mrs. Knight said she would like to try out the idea of having a committee of two or three including <sup>besides</sup> the hostess to serve as a refreshment committee, changing it for each



meeting. In this way of doing it would not be necessary for each one to bring refreshments each time. Mrs. Knight also said that if for any reason it would not be convenient to serve on this comm. when asked not to hesitate to say so.

An article by Dr. Dean was read, the subject matter being the long summer vacation and its disadvantage to the child. A general discussion followed.

Following this discussion a portion of the chapter entitled "Disease Inherited" from "Fruit of the Family Tree" was read by Mrs. Knight.

Our president asked Mrs. Brown if at some time in the future she would prepare a paper or give a short talk along the line of stamping out disease to be called by any title she might choose.

She also asked Mrs. Curtis if she would either read an article or prepare a paper on infantile paralysis to be read at the next meeting if possible.

At this time the meeting adjourned when refreshments were served by the hostess assisted by the refreshment comm. Mrs. Damon and Mrs. Dickinson & a social time was enjoyed.

Eva M. Dickinson. Sec.



The Mothers Club met for its second meeting  
<sup>Thurs. afternoon.</sup>  
October 1st. at a lovely camp on Lake  
Massaponsett with Mrs. Knight acting as  
hostess. There were seventeen mothers  
and nine children who enjoyed a very  
pleasant afternoon.

The meeting opened with the Lord's  
Prayer repeated in unison and one verse  
of America was sung.

In the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Dickinson,  
Mrs. Damon was chosen secretary pro tem.

The minutes of the last meeting, with two  
corrections made, were read and accepted.

The roll was then answered by humorous  
sayings.

Next came several selections from "Boners"  
which were very humorous. Mrs. Paine read  
an article, "What Coolidge Said" which gave  
his reasons for declining the nomination  
for presidency. She read also an article  
entitled "Lincoln."

Our president, Mrs. Knight, read a  
newspaper clipping about cancer control.

At this time a vote of thanks was given  
the transportation committee who so kindly  
furnished cars for this event.

The meeting then adjourned, the next



place of meeting to be announced later and refreshments were served by the refreshment committee, Mrs. Heidel, Mrs. Stock, and Mrs. Fielding.

A very enjoyable time was had by both mothers and children.

Leila Damon.

Sec. pro tem.



At the meeting of the Mothers Club which was held Thurs. afternoon, Nov. 5, at the home of Mrs. Dickinson, there was an attendance of twelve members and three children. At this meeting we were glad to welcome two new members, Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. McCracken.

The meeting opened with the general prayer of thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer in which all joined. This was followed by the song, Our Children, with Mrs. Anderson at the piano.

The sec.'s report was then read & accepted.

Mrs. Parsons read a current event item which told about the opening of the Geo. Washington bridge which links N.J. to N.Y. It took <sup>this bridge took</sup>  $4\frac{1}{2}$  years to build <sup>and is</sup> this bridge which is the longest suspension bridge in the world. During the first 24 hrs. 60,000 persons passed over it and it is estimated that 60 million will use the bridge in the course of a year.

To add a little spice to the program a joke was next read by Mrs. Knight.

A most instructive paper on infantile paralysis was read by Mrs. Curtis. It seems strange that despite so many years of study <sup>today</sup> so little is known about this dread disease.



Although probably not a new disease it was not recognized as infantile paralysis until 1881 when the first case was recorded as such in Sweden. The first case recorded in this country was in 1907. It is known that it is caused by a germ that attacks the nervous system but how it reaches the nervous system is yet a mystery. The period of greatest prevalence is from May to November. It is thought to be caused by coming in contact with the breath, nasal discharge or mouth spray of a sufferer of the disease or of a carrier. An early diagnosis is most important and if treated immediately may save the victim years of suffering.

Mrs. Knight spoke of two of the most pathetic cases of children sufferers she saw in the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children in Springfield during a recent visit there and reminded us that we should indeed be grateful that our children are normal and healthy. As this good work which the Shriners are doing is supported in a great measure by the sale of tin foil she urged us to save all we can and leave it either at Paine's store or give it to her and she would see that it reaches the hospital.

Mrs. Damon read an article by Arthur



Heard about fear in children. He says a timid child should be handled carefully and not ridiculed because of his fear or forced to do the thing of which he is afraid until the cause of his fear is discovered and the fear explained away. Older people sometimes little realize the impression fear of a certain thing will leave on a child that will sometimes stay with him throughout his life.

Our president brought the meeting to a close by the reading of the last <sup>7th</sup> chapter, Disease Inherited, from Front of the Family Tree by Edward Wiggam.

All were invited by the hostess to remain for a social time and for refreshments which were served by the hostess and hospitality committee, Mrs. Farley, Mrs. Sten and Mrs. Parsons.

Eva M. Dickinson.

Sec.



The Christmas meeting of the Mothers Club was held Thursday afternoon, Dec. 31, at the home of Mrs. Florence Wells with an attendance of sixteen members, one guest + three children.

In keeping with the Christmas season the meeting was opened with the singing of the hymn, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" with Mrs. Fielding at the piano.

Mrs. Curtis read a part of the 43<sup>rd</sup> chapter of Isaiah and all joined in the Lord's Prayer.

Following the devotional service the secretary's report was read and accepted.

Since the December meeting was held so late in the month it was voted that the Jan. meeting be omitted and our president announced that the club had been invited to hold its Feb. meeting at the home of Mrs. Hammond.

A very timely health item regarding the curing of colds was read by Mrs. Knight and each member in turn told of his favorite remedy for a cold. In this way we learned several old remedies as well as some more modern ones.

This concluded the more serious part of the program and during the rest of the afternoon we enjoyed a program of entertainment which was opened with a most pleasing piano duet, "Jingle Bells", played by Mrs. Knight.



and Mrs. Fielding.

Following this three versions of "The Night Before X-mas" was read, the first being the old favorite with which we are all familiar, the second, "The Night After X-mas", and the third, "Exceptions to the Rule". The last two pieces being most amusing were most much enjoyed.

A very delightful X-mas story by Margaret Flaxon entitled "The Red Glass Bowl" was read by Mrs. Damon after which the meeting.

Numbers were then drawn from a Santa Claus chimney and gifts were distributed by our hostess from a very attractively decorated Christmas tree.

Following the exchange of gifts we were invited to remain for refreshments which were served by our hostess, assisted by the refreshment com., Mrs. Bruce, Mrs. Pihan and Mrs. Paine.

An M. Dickinson.

Sec.



The February meeting of The Mothers Club was held Thursday afternoon, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>. at the home of Mrs. H. Lucy Hammond with an attendance of eighteen members, four guests and one child.

The meeting opened with devotional exercises led by the President Mrs. Knight. The opening hymn set to the tune of Duke Street was chosen as being one probably sung in church service at the time of George Washington. The general prayer of thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer were repeated in unison.

At the close of the devotional service the sec.'s report was read and accepted.

The meeting was then given over to Mrs. Gladys Bruce and Mrs. Lura Parsons who gave a report of the meeting which they attended in Northampton, the first in a series of five meetings pertaining to child development and parent education which is being given by the Hampshire County Extension Service.

The outline pamphlets and discussion guides which were given to each person present dealt with the education of the child in the home, the importance of the early years of a child's life, the parent as a teacher



and the home as a school.

Mrs. Bruce in her report touched upon each subject briefly since there was not sufficient time to deal with each in detail and led the discussion which followed.

The last subject to be taken up was habit formation, the discussion of this subject being led by Mrs. Parsons.

Following this most instructive report by our two leaders, the program was devoted to the memory of George Washington. Brief items of interest about this man to whom the nation is paying special honor this year were read by each person present and a piano solo, the "Minuet" by Mozart, illustrative of the dance music two hundred years ago was played by Mrs. Knight.

This brought the meeting to a close and in the social hour which followed refreshments were served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Curtis and Mrs. Fleming.

By M. Dickinson.

Sec.



A meeting of the Mothers' Club was held Thursday afternoon, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at the home of Mrs. Grace Sheffield with an attendance of fourteen members: one guest and two children.

In the absence of our president, Mrs. Knight, the meeting was in charge of Mrs. Gladys Stock.

The meeting was opened by the sec's report which was read and accepted.

Mrs. Curtis led the devotional service with the reading of a poem "At the Place of the Sea". The 23<sup>rd</sup> psalm was repeated <sup>in unison</sup> by the members and prayer was offered by Mrs. Curtis, followed by the Lord's Prayer in which all joined.

Following the devotional service the meeting was put in charge of Mrs. Gladys Bruce who gave a report of the meeting which she attended in Northampton, the second in a series of five meetings pertaining to child development and parent education which are being given by the Hampshire County Extension Service.

The pamphlets which were given each person present dealt with the clothes problems of children, the teaching of self-



reliance, orderliness and the habits of  
sleep. Following a discussion of these  
subjects the meeting adjourned.

During the social hour which  
followed most delicious refreshments  
were served by the hostess assisted  
by the refreshment committee, Mrs.  
Florence Wells, Mrs. Edwin Howe and  
Mrs. Minnie Cross.

Rev. M. Dickinson.

Secy.



At a meeting of the Mothers Club held Thursday afternoon, April 7<sup>th</sup> at the home of Mrs. Grace Sheffield, there was an attendance of nine members, three guests and three children.

The meeting opened with the usual devotional service, the reading of the Beatitudes, and the Lord's Prayer which were repeated by the members in unison and the singing of a hymn.

The sec's report was then read and accepted. Plans for the next meeting of the club were discussed, it being suggested by our president that in the place of a regular meeting a mother and daughter banquet be held to which the mothers and daughters of the members be invited.

It was voted that this banquet be held at a date to be announced later and also that the committee composed of husbands of the members, with Mr. Knight as chairman, be asked to serve the supper.

Mrs. Knight announced that on Wednesday afternoon, April 20, at 2:30 o'clock Miss Evelyn Stowell would be at the chapel to talk to the parents on the subject of training the child through play. The meeting is to be open to the public and all who would be interested are invited to attend.

Mrs. Fleming reported upon the condition of



Mrs. Ira Hor, a member of the club who is seriously ill, and it was voted that a message of sympathy from the club be sent her.

A report of the meeting pertaining to child development and parent education which was held at Northampton was given by Mrs. Dickinson.

This brought the <sup>meet</sup> program to a close and in the social hour which followed refreshments were served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Hammond, Mrs. McClacken

Eva M. Dickinson.

Sec.



On Friday evening, the 13th, the regular May meeting of the Mothers' club was held in chapel and took the form of a Mother and Daughter banquet with the general committee, made up of the president, Mrs. Charles S. Knight, vice-president, Mrs. Anthony J. Stock and secretary, Mrs. Edward S. Dickinson, in charge of arrangements. Past presidents, Mrs. Herbert D. Paine and Mrs. Emil Heidel assisted them as reception committee and the five served as hostesses at the tables set in the supper room where Charles S. Knight, Anthony J. Stock, Edward S. Dickinson and Joseph Bruce served a bountiful repast to the nearly sixty present. They were assisted by Robert and William Sheffield, Norman Heidel and Edward S. Dickinson, Jr.

The tables were gay with spring flowers, forsythia, peach blossoms, tulips and narcissi in old time pottery jars and pansies by each place card.

At grace at the table Mrs. John H. Curtis read Henry Van Dyke's beautiful prayer written in thanks for mother. Seated at the tables were two special guests of honor, both 85 years of age, Mrs. Norman S. Chaffee, formerly an active worker in the club and Mrs. William Johnson, mother of Mrs. Edward N. Sheffield. The latter family with Robert and William serving on the supper committee made three generations present. Another instance was Mrs. Joseph Bruce with her mother, Mrs. John King of Greenwich Village and daughter, Shirley Bruce. The entertainment program was given and began with a welcome from the president, followed by community singing, "The more we get together, my mother, my daughter." Poems in praise of mother were read by Mrs. Dickinson and Mrs. Knight and also the poem, "The Open Door", written by Mrs. Calvin Coolidge in memory of her son.

Mrs. Emil Heidel sang very beautifully, "O Little Mother o' Mine" by H. T. Burleigh with Mrs. Knight as accompanist.

Special mother and daughter words to the tune "Maryland, my Maryland" were sung by the two groups alternating. Mrs. William J. Fielding of Ware was accompanist for the community songs: "The Most Wonderful Moment." A short story, "Most Wonderful Mother," by Elizabeth Cook was read. Announcement that the June meeting would be held with the past president, Mrs. Walter L. Brown was made. This being the annual meeting, a nominating committee to bring in names of officers for the 1932-1933 season was appointed: Mrs. Homer Damon, Mrs. Stanton P. Fleming and Mrs. William J. Fielding.

A rising vote of thanks to Mr. Knight and his committee in appreciation of their splendid work in relieving the women from having to serve the supper was given and Miss Sylvia Damon expressed the thanks of the daughters for the privilege of attending the happy occasion. "The More we get together" was again sung in closing.







The annual meeting of the Mothers' Club was held on the veranda of Mrs. Walter Brown's home Thursday, June , with an attendance of thirteen members and four children.

A beautiful mother's prayer opened the meeting, a general prayer of thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer were repeated by the members. The song "Our Children," special words set to the tune of America was sung with Mrs. Parsons at the piano.

Following this devotional service the club's report was read and accepted.

Mrs. Hamon then presented the list of officers for the ensuing year chosen by the nominating committee, Mrs. Hamon, Mrs. Fleming and Mrs. Fielding.

The following officers were unanimously elected, one ballot being used:

Pres.	Mrs. Knight
Vice Pres.	Mrs. Stock
Secretary	Mrs. Curtis
Directors	{ Mrs. Paine Mrs. Heidel Mrs. Brown

Mrs. Parsons read "Commandments to Mothers" which was followed by reports of the meetings of the child guidance course.



held since the April meeting of the Mothers' Club. The report of the meeting on "Constructive Discipline" was given by Mrs. Dickinson, Mrs. Knight and Mrs. Farley. Mrs. Knight reported on the lesson, "Teaching the Child Through Play."

Mrs. Knight also reported gave a report of the meeting at which the subject, "The Adolescent Child," was studied.

These reports brought forth a general discussion. Mrs. Knight gave a brief report of the meeting of the home-makers department of the extension service held Dec. June 7th, at Laurel Park, Northampton, <sup>where</sup> ~~in which~~ even members of the Enfield group took part in the pageant which was presented at that time.

A report of the condition of Mrs. How was given and it was voted that the secretary send her a message expressing the sympathy and best wishes of the club.

The meeting was then brought to a close the hostess inviting us to remain for a social hour and refreshments.

In serving the hostess was assisted by the hospitality committee, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Pine and Mrs. Hamon.

Ed M. Dickinson.



## Annual Report. 1932.

During the sub year, 1931-32 six meetings were held at the homes of members. one was held at Lake Neecapowsett, and one in the chapel.

The January meeting was omitted due to the fact that the Dec. meeting was held so late in that month. The meeting for the month of May was held in the chapel and took the form of a mother and daughter banquet. This was a very pleasant occasion and was enjoyed by all who attended the supper and entertainment which followed.

The custom of having a response to the roll call was continued from the preceding year and continued to be much enjoyed.

During the first four months a health program was presented, short health articles being read and discussed at each meeting. A paper <sup>on the subject of</sup> which much time and thought was given and which was most instructive was prepared and read by Mrs. Curtis.

The December meeting was also a very enjoyable one when a Christmas Tree with an exchange of gifts, followed by a short



entertainment was enjoyed.

1932 being the Bicentennial year of George Washington's birth part of the program of the February meeting was devoted to his memory, brief articles of interest regarding him being read and the hymn chosen for the devotional service being one with which he was probably familiar.

At this meeting a report by two of our members was given on the subject "Child Guidance and Parent Education" the subject matter of which was received at a meeting held previously at Northampton under the direction of the Hampshire County Extension Service.

This was the first of a series of five lectures given by the extension service and it was decided that the Mothers' Club continue in the study of them.

Hereafter much of the time at each meeting was given over to the study and discussion of this subject, the material being received by members of the club who attended meetings in Northampton under the direction of Mrs. Ruth Morley, child specialist.



During the year our membership has  
been increased by four and although  
conditions here are constantly changing  
we have lost none of our older members!

This past year has been a happy one  
to look back upon and we hope the  
coming year may bring as much  
pleasure to the officers and members  
as this one just past.

E. M. Dickinson.  
Sec.



1932-33.

The first meeting of the Mothers' Club for the year 1932-33 was held Thurs. afternoon, Sept. 27 at 2 o'clock at the chapel with Mrs. Eva Dickinson acting as hostess.

Since the work of the Extension Service of Hampshire County is being taken up in the Mothers' Club, this meeting was open to the public as will be the following meetings in which this work is presented.

Fifteen ladies and two children were present at this meeting.

The meeting was opened by our pres. Mrs. Knight who welcomed the members and guests. The devotional service was omitted and the sec.'s report was read and accepted.

The idea of changing the time of meeting to two o'clock, <sup>was discussed</sup> and it was decided that while the courses sponsored by the extension service are being given the time of meeting will be at two o'clock instead of 2:30 o'clock.

Our pres. announced that the date of meeting may be changed and asked that we watch the papers. Also that

the hospitality comm. for the next meeting will be given at a later date.

At this time Mrs. Knight introduced the speaker of the afternoon, Mrs. Herbert E. Spink one of our own members who spoke on "Furniture and its arrangement." During the talk, pictures illustrating the subject were passed around and diagrams showing good and poor arrangement of furniture were shown on the blackboard. At the close of the talk pamphlets were given each one present.

At the conclusion of the talk a rising vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Spink for her talk which was most interesting and instructive.

Following a short discussion the meeting was closed and the ladies adjourned to the dining room where refreshments were served by the hostess assisted by the hospitality committee, Mrs. Canon and Mrs. Parsons.

Eva M. Dickinson.  
Sec pro tem



A meeting of the Mothers' Club was held in the chapel Wednesday, Nov. 2. 1922 with an attendance of fifteen members and two guests including Miss Evelyn Stowell who visited us a very short while.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Knight. In opening one verse of America was sung with Mrs. Parsons at the piano. The report of the previous meeting was then read & approved.

Mrs. Knight asked that the individual report of the previous project be made out as soon as possible, saying that Miss Stowell is holding back her annual report until she receives them.

Mrs. Knight announced that on Thursday, Nov. 17 at 2:30 o'clock Miss Mary Pozzi will give at the Social Science Club at Ware, a talk on inexpensive Christmas gifts and how to make them, saying that the meeting will be well worth attending.

On Wed. Nov. 30 at 2 o'clock in the chapel Miss Stowell will give a talk on window treatment. This is to be an extension meeting only.

Dec. 15 will probably be the date set for the next Mothers' Club meeting which will include the extension work as well.

After the announcement of these dates the meeting was turned over to Mrs. Spink who gave us a very instructive as well as entertaining talk on color in home furnishings and walls and wall covering.

At the close of the talk at the suggestion of our president a rising vote of thanks was given Mrs. Spink and the meeting adjourned to meet Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>.

In the social hour which followed refreshments were served by the hospitality committee, Mrs. Fleming and Mrs. Paine.

Eva M. Dickinson.

Sec. Pro Tem



A meeting of the Mothers' Club was held in the home of its president, Mrs. Knight, Thurs. afternoon, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> with an attendance of eleven members.

The meeting was called to order by the president. In opening the usual devotional service was omitted and the secretary's report was read and accepted.

It was announced that although no date was set for the final meeting on slip-covers it would not come until some time after Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>. At this meeting each one is asked to bring  $\frac{1}{2}$  yd. of material that the work may be done in miniature.

The meeting was immediately given over to Mrs. Spink whose talk on pictures and accessories was most entertaining & instructive. Small reproductions of well known paintings were passed around and all were free to make comments on anything said or ask questions if they wished.

The hostess invited all to remain for a social hour during which time refreshments were served by our hostess assisted by Miss Flora Foley.

Eva M. Dickinson.

Sec. pro tem.

The February meeting of the Mothers' Club was held in the chapel Thurs. afternoon, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> at which there were nine members, one guest and several children present.

The pres. Mrs. Knight gave notice of the new extension service project, "New clothes from Old". The dates of the leader training classes to be held in Belchertown were announced as Mar. 7 and 28 & April 18. Mrs. Walter L. Brown will be project leader for this series and will have Mrs. Edward Parsons and Mrs. Edward Dickinson as assistants.

Mrs. Knight also gave notice of two half days to be given in our section on a vegetable project given by Prof. <sup>Eds</sup> ~~Cole~~ of Mass. State College. The first of these lectures will be given Fri. Mar. 24 at 2 o'clock in Belchertown, the subject being "Vegetable Gardens". On Monday afternoon June 24<sup>th</sup> a canning lesson will be given at the same hour and place.

Mrs. Knight also told the members of the appreciation and thanks expressed by Mrs. Gibson for the generous box and loving messages sent to her at Christmas time during the time she and her son Maurice were so ill.

The meeting was then given over to Mrs. Spink who talked to us about slip covers. Mrs. Spink gave us a demonstration of the way the work is done, showing samples of cloth suitable for covering and also showed us the slips ~~coverings~~ for doll's furniture which she and Mrs. Knight had made.

At the conclusion of the very instructive talk the meeting adjourned. A pleasant social hour followed during which refreshments were served by Mrs. Fleming & Mrs. Knight. Mrs. Dickinson, Sec. Pro Tem.



On Thursday afternoon, March 9<sup>th</sup> a meeting of the Mothers' Club was held in the chapel with an attendance of eight members and one child.

The meeting opened with the reading of the sec.'s report which was accepted as read.

Our president, Mrs. Knight, announced that the date of the first of the two lectures on veg. gardening to be given by Prof. Cole of M.S.C. will be <sup>at 2 o'clock at G. Hall at Belchertown</sup> March 20 instead of March 24 as was previously announced.

It was also announced that the leaders who gave the lessons in Belchertown on the living room project would be pleased to make a tour of the homes in which some of the ideas received were carried out if the housewife ~~was~~ <sup>be</sup> willing they should do so. - the tentative dates chosen for this being May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

Our pres. also announced that the next meeting in Belchertown to which the leaders of our present project will go will be March 26 and asked that the papers be watched for the date at which the project will be presented here.

It was also announced that the club has been invited to hold its June meetings at the home of Mrs. Brown.

The club voted that a note of friendship and sympathy be sent by our pres. to Mrs. Mabel Bohan and expressing the wish that she will soon be with us again.

Two poems were read by Mrs. Knight, the first being entitled "Logic" by Julia Wild Huntington and the 2nd "Watch Yourself Go By".

The meeting was then given over to Mrs. Brown.

who presented in a most entertaining and instructive manner the first of the lessons on the project," Rev. C. Lothian from O. Ed., received at Belchertown two days previously.

This talk by Mrs. Brown brought the meeting to a close after which a very pleasant social time was enjoyed. Refreshments were served by the hospitality comm. Mrs. Amy Spink and Mrs. Grace Smith.

Ava M. Dickinson.

Sec. pro tem.



The April meeting of the Mothers Club was held in the chapel Thurs. afternoon, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 o'clock with the president, Mrs. Knight, presiding. There was an attendance of eight, including Miss Evelyn Stowell, extension service leader.

The meeting opened with the reading of the sec.'s report which was accepted with one correction.

Mrs. Knight announced that the date on which the local project leaders will meet in Belchertown will be April 18<sup>th</sup>.

It was also announced that the next meeting of the club will be held on Thursday afternoon, May 4<sup>th</sup>, at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Amy Spink. This meeting will not be combined with the extension service meeting.

Miss Stowell announced that the date of the meeting on "Canning" will be held June 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 o'clock at Grange Hall in Belchertown.

At this meeting Prof. Cole of M. S. C. will demonstrate canning and will be glad to answer any canning problems that are presented to him. If there is any vegetable ~~that~~ with the exception of corn that one would like particularly to see Prof. Cole can that afternoon he will do so if this wish is made known to him.

Following these announcements the meeting was given over to Mrs. Brown who presented the second lesson on the remodeling of clothes received at the

project leaders meeting in Belchertown March 28<sup>th</sup>.

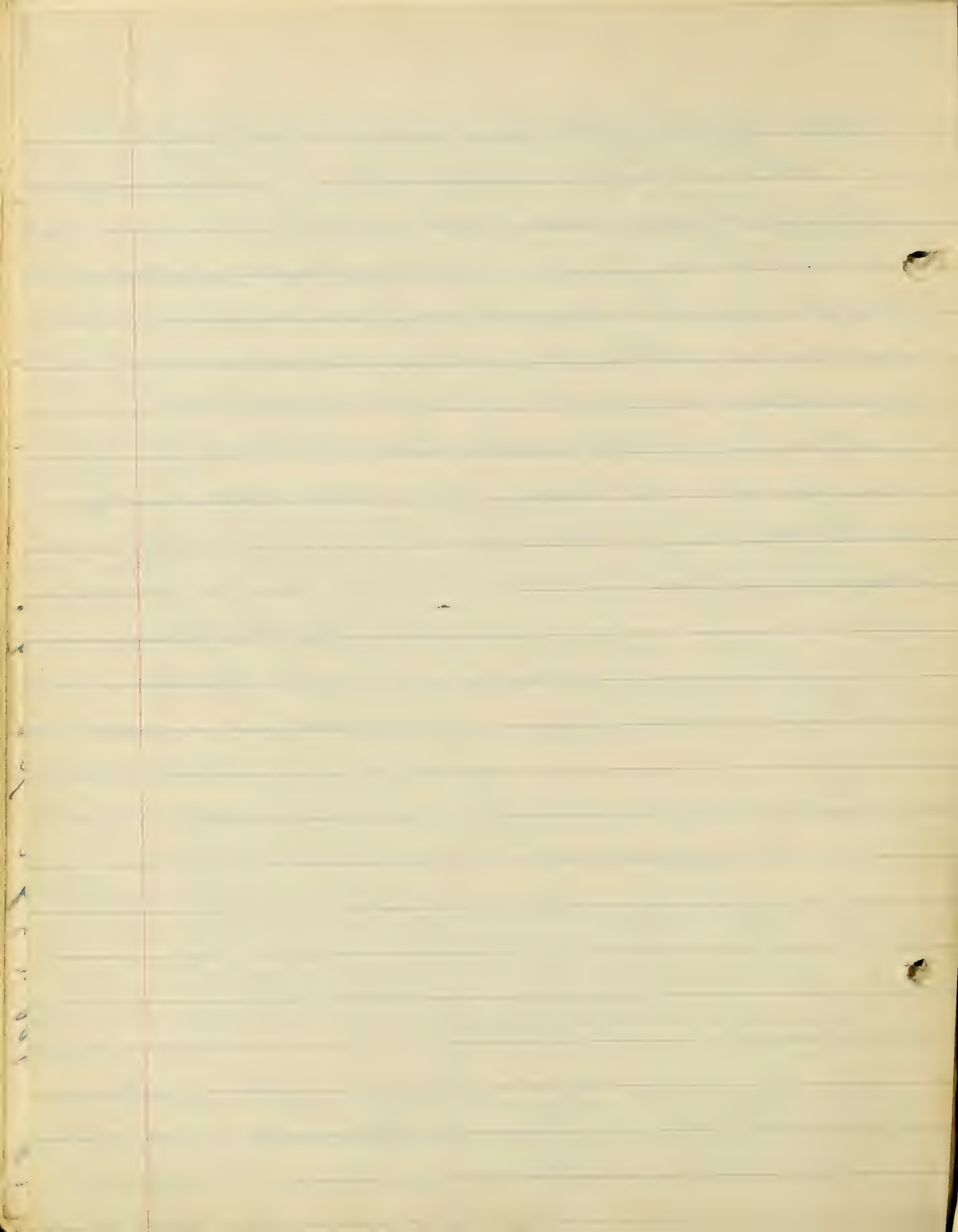
At the close of this most interesting talk Miss Stowell demonstrated the making of cloth buttons without the use of button moulds, the hem finish used on the latest collar and cuff sets and the manner in which bias binding is made when there is only a small amount of material available.

This brought the meeting to a close and we were invited to the dining room where refreshments were served by the hospitality committee, Mrs. Jessie Paine, Mrs. Luila Harmon and Mrs. Luella Parsons.

Eva M. Dickinson.

Sec. pro. tem.





A meeting of the Mothers' Club was held Thurs day P. M. May 4th at the home of Mrs. Lenny Spinks with an att. of twelve members and one guest.

The meeting opened with the singing of hymns followed by the devotional service which was in charge of Mrs. Butler who read portions of the first chapter of Genesis followed by the Lord's Prayer which was repeated in unison.

The minutes report was then read and accepted. Mrs. Knight spoke of the accident which killed the Cohen family and the members reported on their condition. It was decided that the annual meeting be held on the second Thursday in June at the home of Mrs. J. Brown. Mrs. Knight appointed as a nominating committee to present a slate of officers to be voted on at the next meeting. Mrs. J. Brown, Mrs. Jack and Mrs. Carter.

The child's health topic was "Toxids" in relation to Mr. Brady on this subject was read and was followed by a general discussion.

An article prepared by the National Safety Council in regard to fire hazards in the home was read. House inventories were shown and explained as well as the adjustments of the Law by Law.

Mrs. Knight spoke of the different projects carried out by the Club this year - the living room project and



the clothe project, both of which were sponsored by the  
State College Extension Service. Some of the work done  
by the members after taking the clothing project  
was shown.

A report from the "Old Friend of the Young Men"  
was read by Mrs. Knight.

The meeting was then brought to a close and in  
the social hour which followed refreshments were  
served by the Hospitality Committee Mrs. Gladys  
Stark and Mrs. Geneva Hibel.

Yours with M. Dickinson

Sec. per L. M.

The annual meeting of the M. Club was held Thurs.  
June 7 at the home of Mrs. Mary Brown with an  
attendance of twelve members & three guests.

The meeting opened with a short devotional service  
led by our president, Mrs. Knight. The hymn  
"Remember to Love to Ourselves" was sung followed by the  
Benedictions repeated in unison and the reading of a  
prayer for guidance.

Following the devotional service the minutes  
report were read and accepted.

The following names were then presented to be  
added upon the roll as officers for the ensuing year.

Pres. Mrs. Mary Brown	Lincoln Mrs. L. J. Gurney
Vice-pres Mrs. Jane Lane	Mrs. Anna Cannon
Sec. Mrs. W. Jackson	Mrs. Lora Lane

Mrs. Jane Chapman and Mrs. Lady Bruce served as  
tellers and the officers were elected, ballot being used.

Mr. Knight called attention to the fact that the  
Lemon or running under the leadership of Mr. G.

M. S. C. would be given at Orange Hall, Belchertown,  
June 26 from 3 to 4 P. M. and that all who are  
interested are invited to attend.

Attention was also called to the fact that on June  
next the State of prohibition is to be decided. Our president  
asked that we give this subject more thought and



urged us all to go to the polls on that day. A letter  
pertaining to prohibition, written by Mrs. Peterson, an  
active worker in the Swedish A. S. V. & U. League, was read.

Mrs. Wright then introduced Miss Mayrie Carter  
who told us in a most entertaining manner about  
the orphan's problems, in which she teaches and about  
the work it is doing for  
the night children there. The talk was much enjoyed  
by those present and was most informal. The audience  
was free to interrupt with questions.

Miss Carter spoke of the appreciation with which the  
Lec. and her from Epiford last time was received and it  
was suggested that this coming time this school in  
which Miss Carter is so interested be kept in mind.

At the close of Miss Carter's talk it was suggested that a  
motion vote to thank her for her very interesting presentation  
for the previous time she has rendered the club the  
past two years.

The meeting was then brought to a close and  
we were invited by our hosts, the Fremans, for a  
social hour and refreshments which were  
served by the hostess, assisted by the  
hospitality committee Mrs. Willard and  
Mrs. Brown.

For Dr. Gustafson

Sec. as Trust.

The first meeting of the Mothers' Club for the 1922-23 season was held Thurs. P. M. Sept 7<sup>th</sup> at the home of Mrs. F. Knight with an attendance of eleven members and three children.

The meeting was opened by the retiring president Mrs. F. Knight who led the devotional service during which we sang of a hymn from the Methodist Book of Hymns. Our songs were "Jesus and the Crucifixion" and "Gods Love". Some verses were recited in unison.

Following this service the minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

At this time a short message was received from the which our retiring president with a pleasing remark gave the parcel to our incoming president, Mrs. Brown.

Mrs. Brown asked if during the coming year it was the wish of the club that some religious readings should be given as in the past? It was decided that there be no change.

Our president also requested that each member bring some little item to be read in response to the roll call.

It was voted that a hospitality committee be appointed this year also to serve with the hostess at each meeting.



A reading Young and Lizzie which was  
much enjoyed was read by Mrs Brown  
describing a piano etc. The audience  
closed by Mrs. Knight the meeting was  
adjourned to next Sat 5 9 at the home  
of Mrs. Maria Sims.

Our hostess invited us to dinner here  
evening home during which time we  
discussed our plans to see secured by the  
action presented by the Capitalists Committee.

In M. Dickinson

Sec.

The November meeting of the Mothers Club  
was held Wed. E. M. Cor<sup>d</sup> at the home of Mrs. Wm.  
Hickinson with an attendance of 17 members  
and one guest.

The meeting opened with the singing of a hymn  
from the Mothers Club hymnal.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.  
A portion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chap. of 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians was read  
by the pres. & a general prayer of thanksgiving was read by him.  
Following this devotional service the roll was  
called to which all responded.

A short article entitled "His Thanksgiving" was read by  
Mrs. Brown. Mrs. Whiffled then read "American  
Women and Thanksgiving". This story was much enjoyed.  
Because of a correction in date it was noted that the  
next meeting which is to be held at the home of Mrs. Whiffled  
be postponed. The meeting will take the home of Mrs. Brown  
partly each member to bring a Thanksgiving gift to place upon  
the tree. The pres. also asked that we include an

appropriate verse with the gift to be read when unveiling.  
The meeting was then brought to a close and in  
the voice low which followed when the meeting  
closed by the hostess a invitation to the hospital  
committee Mrs. Lila & myself to go to the

M. J. Jackson



The Dec. meeting of the Mothers Club was held in the home of Mrs. Jean Whiffled on Thurs. P. M. Dec. with an attendance of 10 members & children & 3 guests.

President Mrs. Mary Benson opened the meeting with the usual devotional period during which the pres. prayer of Thanksgiving followed by the Lord's Prayer and the hymn - "O Master let Me Walk With Thee" was sung. Mrs. Anna Knight was accompanied.

In the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Ed. Richardson Mrs. Knight was asked to act as secretary pro tem. The minutes of the Nov. meeting were read and approved.

A card gratefully acknowledging flowers sent to the funeral of our former active member Mrs. Ida Torr was read. A message from another valued member, Mrs. Maria Caine, who has recently moved to Northbrook was read. Mrs. Caine sent a gift which was placed on the <sup>partially decorated</sup> tree.

The president granted the request of some members that a general discussion on a recent school matter and the problem of an abnormal child be held. It was once a fitting subject for any mother club and was freely and impartially discussed without rancor when views failed to exactly agree. All seemed to agree that a public school was no place for an abnormal child since the

influence on and example to the other children  
was unfortunate.

Mrs. Marion Bailey read an interesting article  
on the origin & home of our best known,  
including several Christmas ones.

Our hostess daughter, Miss Barbara B.ifford  
played "The Night Before Christmas" a grand  
phantasy appropriate to the season with imitation  
of sleigh bells in a most realistic manner and  
enjoyed by all.

The members responded with interesting items  
to the roll call.

The Christmas tree was then illuminated and  
with Mrs. Bailey substituting for Santa, gifts  
were distributed to all present. Much amusement  
was given by the bright little verses included  
with the gifts.

The president appointed Mrs. B.ifford  
and Mrs. Bailey to act as a  
committee for the Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> meeting to hold  
with Mrs. Edwin H. Hunt of her health  
permits.

Members were reminded to bring arrangements  
to the roll call. Mr. Dickinson will read.

The meeting then adjourned and a social



home followed with delightful refreshments  
served by the hostess and her assisting  
committee. Mrs. Marion Bailey and  
Miss Florence Bell.

The members departed feeling that a most  
happy afternoon had been spent.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Grace Haight

Ex. pro tem.

The January meeting of the Mothers' Club was held  
Saturday afternoon, January 4<sup>th</sup> at the home of  
Mrs. Edwin H. Hove with an attendance of  
six members and one guest.

The President Mrs. Brown opened the meeting  
with the usual devotional period, reading the  
first eight verses of the sixth chapter of Matthew.  
This was followed by the Beatitudes which were  
repeated in unison and by the singing of a  
hymn from the Mothers' Club hymnal. Mrs.  
Charles S. Knight was accompanist.

At the close of the devotional service the exc's  
report was read and accepted.

The roll was then called to which the  
members responded with interesting items.

An authentic story of how Abraham Lincoln  
fed a Confederate soldier as told by this  
soldier's daughter was read by Mrs. Dickinson.

A piano solo - In A Moroccan Garden - was  
played by Mrs. Charles Knight and was  
much enjoyed.

This was followed by an interesting and  
amusing article read by Mrs. Brown and  
entitled "His Mother Business."

At the close of this reading Mrs. Brown



thanked all who had taken part in the afternoon's program and announced that the next meeting would probably be held at the home of Mrs. Frederick Farley. The name of Mrs. Eva Steen was announced as one of the hostesses to serve at this meeting, the other members to be announced later.

The meeting then adjourned to enjoy a very pleasant social hour and most delicious refreshments served by our hostess and the hospitality committee, Mrs. Edward Sheffield and Mrs. Anthony Stock.

Eva M. Dickinson.

Sec.

The February meeting of the Mother's Club was held Thursday afternoon Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> at the home of Mrs. Frederick Farley with an attendance of ten members, three guests and three children.

The President, Mrs. Brown, opened the meeting with several verses from the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter of James, followed by the Lord's Prayer repeated in unison and a hymn from the Mother's Club hymnal, Mrs. Charles Knight being the accompanist.

In the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Eva Dickinson, Mrs. Lura Parsons was appointed secretary pro tem.

The secretary's report was read and accepted.

The roll was then called to which the members responded with various items.

Mrs. Clifton Wells read a Valentine story, "For the Girl of My Dreams" by Lenora Weber which was enjoyed very much.

Mrs. Walter Brown then read an article in the Reader's Digest, "A Religion That Does Things," which was very interesting.

Mrs. Charles Knight announced the next



three project meetings would be "Low Cost Meals" and urged all to be present that could, and the dates would be announced in the papers.

At the close of the meeting Mrs. Brown thanked all that had taken part in the meeting.

Mrs. Clifton Wells offered her home for the next meeting. Mrs. Brown appointed Mrs. Spink and Mrs. Knight to serve as the hospitality committee.

The meeting then closed to enjoy a pleasant social hour and refreshments served by the hostess and the hospitality committee, Mrs. Cora Steen and Mrs. Inez Brown.

Lura Parsons,

Sec. Pro. Tem.

at a meeting of the Mothers' Club which was held Thursday afternoon, March 1 at the home of Mrs. Florence Wells, there was an attendance of eleven members.

The president Mrs. Brown, presided and opened the devotional service by reading from the first chapter of James beginning with the 19<sup>th</sup> verse. The Beatitudes were repeated in unison and a hymn from the Mothers' Club hymnbook followed with Mrs. Knight at the piano.

At the close of the devotional service the report of the secretary was read and accepted. This was followed by the roll call to which the members responded with miscellaneous items which were much enjoyed.

Miss Barbara Wells, daughter of our hostess then entertained us with a piano solo - "Fond Memories" by E. C. Hammond.

The first reading of the afternoon was given by Mrs. Knight. This was a housewife's impression of President Roosevelt's first year in office, written by Mrs. Philip Wiley.

Mrs. Knight also read an article taken from the Readers' Digest entitled "Here Comes Mrs. Roosevelt" by Reta B. Haley.



In regard to the activities of Mrs. Roosevelt Mrs. Knight concluded with a small item written by Mrs. Borah in which she said, "If I read about all of Mrs. Roosevelt's activities before I get up I am all tired out when I get up."

Mrs. Brown followed these readings with three short articles also taken from the Readers Digest - Home Sweet Home, That was College Life and Lament on the Home Front, the last written by Irvin Cobb.

Mrs. Knight called attention to a series of articles now running in the Saturday Evening Post based on the reminiscences of Mr. Hoover, for many years head usher at the White House, saying that they are of special interest because of the highlights which they throw upon the last nine administrations.

She also announced that the Hampshire County Extension Service date which had previously been set for the second Tuesday in March has been changed and asked that the papers be watched for the date chosen by the leaders for this season.

Mrs. Wells announced that the Social Science Club of Ware are sponsoring a concert to be given

by the Amherst Choral Club in their club room  
Friday evening, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:30 o'clock to which  
the public is invited. the charge to be fifty cents.

Mrs. Spink consented to read an article or story  
at the next meeting which will meet with Mrs.  
Dickinson unless for some reason it is impossible  
for her to entertain at this time. In that case Mrs.  
Sheffield invited the club to meet at her home.

The assisting hostesses for this meeting will be Mrs.  
Walter Avery and Mrs. Lura Parsons.

The meeting was then brought to a close and the  
hostess invited all to remain for a social hour  
and refreshments served by the hostess and  
Mrs. Spink and Mrs. Knight of the  
hospitality committee.

Erq M. Dickinson.  
Sec.



The April meeting of the Mother's Club was held Wednesday afternoon April 11<sup>th</sup> at the home of Mrs. Edward Sheffield with an attendance of sixteen members, seven guests and three children.

The President, Mrs. Brown, opened the meeting reading from the 133<sup>d</sup> Psalm, followed by the singing of "Our Children".

In the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Eva Dickinson, Mrs. Lura Parsons was appointed secretary pro tem.

Secretary's report was then read and accepted.

Mrs. Brown remarked that instead of Mrs. Spink reading a story at this meeting as previously read in the report, some of the Quabbin members would put on a short play.

The roll was then called to which the members responded with various items.

Notice was given of the Extension meeting to be held in the Chapel April 17<sup>th</sup> at 2 o'clock. Subject to be "School Lunches" and the talk to be given by <sup>Miss</sup> Evelyn Stowell.

The President then closed the meeting.

announcing the next meeting would be held May 3<sup>d</sup> at Mrs. Spink's home, and appointed Mrs. Clifton Wells and Mrs. Edward Sheffield to serve as the hospitality committee.

The play "The Incurable Optimist" was then presented with characters as follows: Mrs. Spink as the grandmother, Mrs. Zappery as Martha Gray her daughter, Mrs. Farley as the granddaughter, Carolyn, and Mrs. Wells, a neighbor. It was very much enjoyed.

After that refreshments were served by the hostess and the hospitality committee, Mrs. Walter Avery and Mrs. Edward Parsons.

Lura Parsons,  
Sec. pro. tem.



The May meeting of the Mother's Club was held Thursday, May 3<sup>d</sup> at the home of Mrs. Herbert Spink with an attendance of thirteen members, one guest and three children.

The President, Mrs. Brown, opened the meeting by reading the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter of St. John, the 3<sup>d</sup> verse in the Daily Food book, followed by the 23<sup>d</sup> Psalm repeated in unison and then the Lord's Prayer was also repeated in unison. A hymn from the Mother's Club Hymnal was then sung with Mrs. Charles Knight as the accompanist.

In the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Eva Dickinson, Mrs. Lura Parsons was chosen secretary pro tem.

Secretary's report was read and accepted.

Mrs. Brown chose as the nominating committee for officers for the coming year, Mrs. Emil Heidel, Mrs. Frederick Farley and Mrs. Anthony Stork.

Mr. Curtis invited the Mother's Club to ~~conduct~~ <sup>conduct</sup> meeting at the chapel May 13<sup>th</sup>, Mother's Day, for the Christian Endeavor. It was voted to accept the invitation.

Mrs. Charles Knight announced the Hampshire County Extension Service next meeting would be held at the chapel Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 2.30 P.M. Subject to be "Dairy Products." She also announced that Miss Poyji was to be married soon, and that if any that knew her would like to contribute 5¢ or 10¢ toward a present to bring it to the meeting May 8<sup>th</sup>.

The roll was then called to which the members responded with interesting items.

Mrs. Charles Knight then played on the piano the piece "Carmena" by Lane Wilson which was very much enjoyed.

Mrs. Edward Parsons read "Hail to the Chief" by Irwin H. Hoover who was chief usher at the White House through nine administrations.

After this Mrs. Brown read two short articles from the Reader's Digest, "Kidnappers Beware" and "So You Hate Truck Drivers" which were both very interesting.



Mrs. Brown thanked all who had taken part in the meeting. She asked Mrs. Edward Sheffield and Mrs. Walter Avery to read and Mrs. Charles Knight to furnish the music at the next meeting which would be held June 7th at <sup>Mr.</sup> Brown's home.

The hospitality committee to be Mrs. Anthony Stork and Mrs. Homer Damon.

The meeting then closed to enjoy a pleasant social hour and delicious refreshments served by our hostess and the hospitality committee, Mrs. Edward Sheffield and Mrs. Clifton Wells.

Lura Parsons

Sec. pro tem.

The annual meeting of the Mothers Club was held in the home of Mrs. Inez Brown on Thursday afternoon June 7<sup>th</sup> with an attendance of thirteen members, four guests and two children.

President Mrs. Brown opened the meeting with the usual devotional period during which the 121<sup>st</sup> psalm and the Lord's Prayer were repeated followed by the hymn "Our Children" with Mrs. Heidel as accompanist.

The minutes of the previous meeting were then read and accepted.

The report of the nominating committee was given by Mrs. Heidel, chairman of the committee when the following names were presented to serve as officers for the ensuing year.

President	Mrs. Inez Brown
Vice President	Mrs. Anna Spink
Secretary	Mrs. Eva Dickinson
Worship	Mrs. Anna Parsons
	Mrs. Lila Lamm
	Mrs. Eva Lamm

It was voted that at this meeting and at all future meetings the entire slate of officers be elected on one ballot and that this should be written into the records for future reference.

Mrs. Sheffield and Mrs. Ritchie were chosen to act as tellers. There were thirteen ballots cast



all in favor of the slate of officers previously presented.

Mrs. Brown thanked the members for the co-operation which she had received from them the past year and said she wished them to know that she fully appreciated their willingness to help when called upon.

She asked if the members would prefer to continue the reading of short articles and stories or to select a book a portion of which would be read at each meeting.

Both ways of doing was discussed but no decision was reached.

The roll call which followed was both entertaining and instructive the subject chosen being "short cuts to in home making."

An article, "Youth Move On," pertaining to Y.H. Club work was read by Mrs. Walter Avery.

Mrs. Sheffield read a short story by Dimple Bailey entitled "The Apple Tree," being the story of a mother who finds her way to peace.

After these two readings which were much enjoyed the meeting was brought to a close. We were invited by our hostess to remain for a social hour and refreshments which were served by our hostess assisted by the hospitality committee Mrs. Julia H. Snow and Mrs. Gladys Stock.

E. M. Dickinson.  
Sec.



A most enjoyable meeting of the Mothers' Club was held Thurs. afternoon Sept 6, at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Funa Parsons with an attendance of 13 members and 3 guests.

President Mrs. Brown opened the meeting with the usual devotional service - the singing of ~~the~~ a hymn from the M. Club Hymnal and the 23rd psalm and Lord's Prayer repeated in unison.

The sec. report followed & was accepted. The roll was then called to which the members responded with lots of miscellaneous articles and was much enjoyed.

Mrs. Howe entertained us with the reading of the story 'Welcome Home Hal' and a short article of Micky Mouse taken from a recent issue of the Reader's Digest was read by Mrs. Brown, who, at the close of the reading, asked Mrs. Shiffert if she would read at the next meeting and thank all who had taken part.

The meeting then adjourned to meet the first Thurs. in Oct. with Mrs. E. Dickinson. We were invited by our hostess to remain for a social hour & refreshments which was served by our hostess assisted by the hospitality committee, Mrs. Walter Avery and Mrs.

E. M. D. Sec.



at a meeting of the Mothers Club held Thurs.  
afternoon Oct 4, at the home of Mrs. Eva Dickinson.  
there was an attendance of 8 members, 1 guest and three  
children.

In the absence of the president our vice-president  
Mrs. Amy Spink, opened the meeting with the usual  
devotional service during which a hymn was sung, the  
eight psalm was read by Mrs. Spink and the Lord's  
Prayer repeated by all. Mrs. Spink also read a short  
poem "Stretch and Strain."

The minutes of the September meeting were read and  
approved, followed by the roll call to which the members  
responded with interesting items.

Mrs. Grace Stifford read from a scrap book which she had  
prepared regarding the Dionne quintuplets by which we were  
able to follow their lives from birth to the time of reading. Much  
of the material was taken from a California paper which  
gave much more space to the stories of the babies than did  
our eastern papers. This reading was much enjoyed  
by all the mothers present.

After a short discussion of this very well known case the  
meeting was brought to a close to end with Mrs. Blanche  
Hosball for the November meeting.

By the social hour which followed refreshments were served  
by the hostess assisted by the hospitality committee Mrs.  
Anna Spink and Mrs. Gladys Stark. C. M. E. Sec.



The November meeting of the Epworth Club was held  
on Sunday afternoon November 7 at the home of Mrs. Fay  
Kimball with an attendance of eighteen members.

The meeting was opened by the president Mrs. Brown  
who read from the first chapter of Matthew the first  
twenty verses. The Hymnology was then sung by the members  
with Mrs. Anna Knight as leader.

Following the devotional service the secretaries report was  
read and accepted. The roll was then called to which the  
members responded with miscellaneous items.

The principal reading of the afternoon <sup>was</sup> by Mrs. Marion Farley  
and was entitled "A Short Message to Parents".

Mrs. Brown read two short articles - "The Friendship" and  
"Just Like I Leant of Industry" - both taken from the Reader Digest.

Because of a conflict in dates it was voted that the December  
meeting which is to be held at the home of Mrs. J. Sheffield, be  
postponed one week. This meeting will take the form of a Xmas  
party, each member to bring a tin and gift to place upon the tree.

Our pres. asked that we enclose an appropriate verse with the

gift to be read when <sup>it is</sup> unwrapped. Mrs. Sprink will  
entertain us with a Xmas story and the assisting ladies  
will be Mrs. Charles Dickinson and Mrs. Marion Farley.

We were invited by our hostess to remain for a social hour  
during which time refreshments were served by the hostess assisted  
by the Hospitality committee Mrs. Brown Mrs. Dickinson



The Christmas meeting of the Mothers' Club was held at the home of Mrs. Grace Sheffield Thurs. P. M. Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> with an attendance of 20 members. 4 guests and 15 children.

The meeting was opened by the pres. Mrs. Brown with the regular devotional service during which the Benediction & Lord's Prayer were repeated by the members & in keeping with the X-mas season the X-mas hymn: "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" was sung.

The roll was then called, the members responding by telling of a trip which they had enjoyed this past summer.

Following the roll call which was much enjoyed Mrs. A. Spink read a X-mas story which was also enjoyed by the mothers and also by the children who gathered around and listened closely, not missing a word of what was read.

Mrs. Brown, after thanking all who helped to make the afternoon a pleasant one called the meeting to a close. To meet on Thurs. P. M. Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> at the home of Mrs. Florence Wells with Mrs. E. Ritchie & Mrs. L. Parsons as assisting hostesses.

Numbers were then drawn and gifts distributed by the hostess from a very pretty prettily decorated X-mas tree. Each child present also received a gift and it was agreed by mothers and children alike that a very pleasant time had been enjoyed.

After the distribution of the gifts we were invited by the hostess to remain for a social hour and refreshments which were served by the hostess assisted by the Hospitality committee Mrs. Marion Farley, Mrs. Phoebe Dickinson and Mrs. Zonna Weston.

Wm M. Dickinson.  
Sec.



The January meeting of the Mothers' Club was held at the home of Mrs. F. Wells, Thurs. P. M. Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> with an attendance of 12 members, and one guest. The president, Mrs. D. Brown presided & opened the meeting with the usual dev. service consisting of the 23<sup>rd</sup> psalm and Lord's Prayer repeated in unison, and closing with the song "Our Children". The sec's report was then read and accepted and the roll called to which the members responded with misc. items.

The story, "The Seventh Candle", the story of a home made miracle in the heart of France, was read by Mrs. Wells. This was followed by two piano solos by Mrs. Wright - "The Dance of the Midgets" & "Melody at Dawn", which were much enjoyed.

Two short articles taken from the Reader's Digest was read by Mrs. Brown, one being "I Could Have Stopped the Lindbergh Case", and "A Man About the House."

Mrs. Brown thanked those who had taken part in the meeting and announced that the assisting hostesses for the February meeting will be Mrs. Eva Steen and Mrs. Fura Parsons.

After the piano solo "Sing Me to Sleep", played by Miss Barbara Wells, the meeting was brought to a close. The members were invited to remain for a social time and refreshments which were served by the hostess assisted by the hospitality committee, Mrs. Elizabeth Ritchie and Mrs. Amy Brown.

By M. Erickson.  
Sec.

A meeting of the M.C. was held Thurs. afternoon Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>.  
at the home of Mrs. Amy Brown with an attendance of 15  
members and 3 guests.

The meeting opened with the usual devotional service  
led by the president during which the 23<sup>rd</sup> psalm and Lord's Prayer  
were repeated in unison by the members and a hymn from  
the M.C. hymnal was sung.

The report of the last meeting was read and accepted following  
which the roll was called to which the members responded with  
interesting miscellaneous items.

Two short articles from the Readers Digest were read, <sup>by Mrs. Brown</sup> one  
entitled The Rites of Crime and the other Adopted Mother written  
by a mother who had adopted five children.

These articles as always, were much enjoyed, as was the piano  
solo "Take Fortitude" <sup>which followed</sup> played by Mrs. Knight.

It was voted that in place of the misc item readings which  
we have had each month, a few chapters would be read from  
the book "Sandrick" by Olga Tchirikova, read by Mrs. Shuffield.

This book tells the story of the life of a Russian boy of noble  
birth, the author's son, who was born in exile and is a

beautiful expression of mother love. A few chapters were  
read at this meeting by Mrs. Shuffield and was greatly enjoyed.

Mrs. Spink announced that there will be a meeting of the  
Extension Service on Friday afternoon, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> at the chapel at 3:30  
o'clock to which all are invited. The subject for this meeting to be



Kitchen equipment a new subject not given before in any part of this state.

Mrs. Sheffield very kindly offered to entertain the club at her home for the March meeting if we would postpone the date of meeting one week. It was voted to do this.

Mrs. Brown appointed Mrs. Wells and Mrs. Knight to serve as assisting hostesses for this meeting.

The meeting was then brought to a close when we were invited to remain for a social time and refreshments which was served by the hostess assisted by the hosp. comm. Mr. Coakley and Mrs. Lura Parsons.

Eva M. Dickinson.

A meeting of the Mothers' Club was held Thurs. afternoon Apr. 1<sup>st</sup> at the home of Mrs. Edward Dickinson with an attendance of thirteen members and two children.

In the absence of the president the meeting was opened by the vice-pres. Mrs. Amy Spink who led the dev. service by reading a short poem entitled "The Living Christ" followed by the Lord's Prayer and a hymn from the M.C. hymnal. In keeping with the Easter season a short article, "The Enchanted Garden of Damascus" which was written by Frank Conrad Eaton a returned missionary was read.

The secretary's report was read and accepted after which the roll was called.

Mrs. Spink announced that the next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Walter Brown with Mrs. Stanton Fleming and Mrs. Gladys Stock serving as assisting hostesses.

A few chapters from the book "Sandwich" were then read by Mrs. Grace Sheffield after which the meeting was brought to a close when the members were invited to remain for a social time and refreshments which were served by the hostess and hospitality committee Mrs. Walter Avery

and Mrs. Wilfred Weston.

Erq M. Dickinson.

Sec.



A regular meeting of the Mothers Club was held  
Thurs. P.M. May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the home of the pres. Mrs. J. B. Brown,  
with an attendance of twelve members and  
guests and one child.

The meeting was opened with the usual devotional  
service during which the seventh chapter of Matthew  
the first to tenth verses were read followed by the  
Lord's Prayer and the singing of a hymn from  
the hymnal.

The minutes of the April meeting were read  
and approved.

This was followed by the roll call to which  
all responded.

Mrs. Brown read two articles from the Reader  
Digest one entitled "The Sixth Sense" the other  
"The War Game" the latter showing what has  
become of some of the gains made by gambling  
proving that money does not always bring happiness.

Mrs. Sheffield then took up the reading.  
Of the book "Ferdinand" which is being much  
enjoyed by the members.

At the close of the reading the president  
announced that the next meeting will be  
held at the home of Mrs. Sadie Stark with  
Mrs. Sheffield and Mrs. Mother serving as

existing letters.

Mrs. Amy Spink, Mrs. Elizabeth Fitch and  
Mrs. Walter Long were appointed to bring  
in a list of officers to serve for the 1935-36  
season, to be voted upon at the next meeting.

The meeting was then brought to a close  
and the members were invited by the hostess  
to remain for a social time and refreshments  
which were served by the hostess and  
assisting committee. Mrs. Stanton, Fleming  
and Mrs. Lady Clark.

Erq M. Dickinson

Sec.



A regular meeting of the Mothers' Club was held Thursday afternoon, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the home of Mrs. Inez Brown with an attendance of 12 members 1 guest & 1 child.

The pres. opened the meeting with the usual devotional service during which the eleventh chapter of Hebrew, the first to tenth verses, were read followed by the Lord's Prayer and the singing of a hymn from the Mothers' Club hymnal.

The minutes of the April meeting were read and approved.

This was followed by the roll call to which the members responded with miscellaneous items.

Mrs. Brown read two articles from the Readers' Digest, one entitled "The Sixth Sense," the other, "If I Were Rich" this being a story of what has become of some of the gains made by gambling and showing that money does not always bring happiness.

Mrs. Sheffield then took up the reading of the book "Sandwich" which is being much enjoyed by the members.

At the close of the reading the president

announced that the next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Gladys Stock with Mrs. Grace Sheffield and Mrs. Florence Wells serving as assisting hostesses.

Since being the annual meeting a nominating committee was appointed to bring in names of officers to serve for the 1935-36 season - the committee being Mrs. Ritchie, Mrs. Sprink and Mrs. Avery.

The meeting was then brought to a close and the members were invited by the hostess to remain for a social time and refreshments which were served by the hostess assisted by the hospitality committee, Mrs. Fleming and Mrs. Stock.

By M. Hutchinson,  
Sec.



The last regular meeting of the Mothers' Club <sup>held</sup> the meeting ~~was~~ was held at the home of Mrs. Gladys Stark on the afternoon of June 6th. Seventeen members, three children and one guest were present during the afternoon.

The pres. Mrs. Inez Brown, opened the meeting with a short devotional service, first reading part of the sixth chapter of Luke. This was followed by the Lord's Prayer in unison, and the singing of a hymn.

The president then appointed Mrs. Sheffield to act as secretary pro-tem in the absence of Mrs. Dickinson, and the report of the secretary was read and accepted.

Mrs. Brown spoke of the sudden death of Mrs. Farley's mother and appointed Mrs. Sheffield and Mrs. Sprink a committee to send a note of sympathy to Mrs. Farley from the Mothers' Club.

It was voted to hold a picnic in the near future and various plans for same were discussed. Mrs. Sprink, Mrs. Edwin C. Howe and Mrs. Amy were appointed as a committee to decide upon a place and date for the picnic.

The report of the nominating committee was then given by Mrs. Ritchie, and read as follows:

President — Mrs. Inez L. Brown  
Vice President — Mrs. Amy Sprink  
Secretary — Mrs. Jane Sheffield  
Directors — Mrs. Gladys Stark  
Mrs. Eva Dickinson  
Mrs. Lila Damon

The above report was accepted, Mrs. Ruth Howe and Mrs. Stalbird were appointed tellers and all officers and directors were unanimously elected.

The roll call then followed, and the members reported with miscellaneous items, which always prove interesting.

Four instructive articles were then read by Mrs. Brown "Minding Our Manners; Swindlers of the Hour; Our Army of Eldest Wakers, and "Please Make Yourself at Home."

The secretary read a note of thanks from Mr. Heibel, and Mrs. Spink made an announcement in connection with the Extension Service.

Mrs. Brown thanked all who had taken part in the meeting, and announced that the next meeting would be held the first Thursday in September at the home of Mrs. Lina Parsons, with Mrs. Frank Dickinson and Mrs. Damon acting as assisting hostess.

All remained for a very pleasant social hour during which time refreshments were served by the hostess and her assistants, Mrs. Wells and Mrs. S. Liffield.

Grace C. S. Liffield  
Secretary Pro Tem.



The September meeting of the Mothers' Club was held this afternoon, Sept 5<sup>th</sup> at the home of Mrs. Eva Parsons with an attendance of nine members and one guest.

The meeting opened with the usual devotional service led by Mrs. Brown who first read the 120<sup>th</sup> psalm. This was followed by the Recitations, repeated by the members.

On the business of the meeting, Mrs. Grace Sheffield it was voted that Mrs. Eva Dickinson serve as secretary pro-tem. The report of the meeting was read and accepted.

A note from Mrs. Fisk was read thanking the club for the note of sympathy sent her.

The roll was then called, the members responding with their names. An article from the Liberty Magazine, entitled "Will the Communists get the vote in College," was read by Mrs. Dickinson.

Mrs. Brown read three articles, "Shopping in the Soviet Union," "The Customer is Always Right," and "By Cleaning and Dying." A general discussion of the articles read followed, particularly those articles relating to Russia and the dangers of Communism.

Mrs. Brown announced that the next meeting of the club will be held at the home of Mrs. Eva Dickinson with Mrs. Parsons and Mrs. Weston serving as assisting hostesses.

Readings will be given by Mrs. Spink and Mrs. Sheffield.

The members were invited to remain for a social hour and refreshments which were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Damon and Mrs. Brown.

Eva W. Dickinson, Sec. Pro-tem.

The October meeting of the Mothers' club was held Sunday afternoon, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at the home of Mrs. Eva H. Dickinson with eight members present.

President Mrs. Brown opened the meeting with a short devotional service, reading from the Book of James, the fifth chapter, from the 8-12 verses. The Lord's Prayer was then repeated in unison followed by a hymn with Mrs. Parsons at the piano.

Mrs. Eva H. Dickinson after having been appointed secretary pro tem, read the records of the September meeting. These were approved as read.

The roll was then called to which the members responded with miscellaneous items.

An article entitled "Minister's Wife" was read by Mrs. Spink. A discussion of this very interesting article followed.

Mrs. Brown read three articles - "And Sudden Death," "Has Ethiopia A Chance" and "They Couldn't Wait For Better Times".

The club was invited by Mrs. Spink to meet at her home for the November meeting at which time Mrs. Eva H. Dickinson will serve as one of the assisting hostesses and Mrs. Parsons will give a reading.

After thanking all those who took part in the meeting, Mrs. Brown brought the meeting to a close, the members remaining for social time and refreshments which were served by the hostess and hospital committee. Mrs. Parsons took duty for the



The November meeting of the Mothers Club was held at the home of Mrs. Cury Spink on the afternoon of Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> with an attendance of 12 members and one guest.

The meeting was opened by the President, Mrs. Irey Brown, with the usual brief devotional service. A prayer "General Thanksgiving" was read in unison, followed by a hymn and the Lord's Prayer. Mrs. Brown also read an old poetic version of part of the 107<sup>th</sup> Psalm.

The records of the last meeting were then read by the secretary, and approved. The roll-call followed, members responding in the current news items and forms. A very attractive framed picture of the famous Lincoln quadruplets, always a subject of interest in the Mothers Club was also exhibited at this time by Mrs. Spink.

Mrs. Parsons then read two amusing articles entitled, "What the Little Girl Said", and "A Woman's Pocket". This was followed by the reading of two interesting articles from the "Reader's Digest" by Mrs. Brown entitled, "Breakfast - Old Style" and "Home Sweet Home on Wheels". A newspaper item was also read - Mrs. Clark Dickinson relative to the recent discovery of a human periscope, of great help to doctors in internal <sup>body</sup> exploration and diagnosis of disease.

The matter of the December Christmas meeting was brought up by the President and after general discussion it was voted to hold this meeting with Mrs. Sheffield if she felt able to have it, postponing it from Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> to <sup>Thurs</sup> the 12<sup>th</sup>, and if not, to hold it with Mrs. Brown on Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup>. Each member was asked to bring the customary 10 cent Christmas gift. The following members were appointed to serve on the hospitality committee, - Mrs. Wells, Mrs. Farley, Mrs. Clark Dickinson and Mrs. Brown. Mrs. Cury was asked to give a reading.

Mrs. Brown then thanked all members who had taken part in the meeting, and after adjournment, a social time was enjoyed, refreshments being served by the hostess and hospitality committee, Mrs. Wells and Mrs. Clark Dickinson. Grace C. Sheffield. Sec.

The December Christmas meeting of the Mothers Club was held at the home of Mrs. Sheffield on the afternoon of December 12<sup>th</sup>. There were 15 members, 6 guests and 16 children present.

The president Mrs. Brown, opened the meeting. The 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm and the Lord's Prayer were repeated in unison.

The secretary then read the report of the last meeting which was approved. This was followed by the reading of an interesting article by Mrs. [unclear], entitled "Christ was Weak in New York", written by Mary Pickford.

The secretary then called the roll, many responding with appropriate Christmas terms or poems. A very pleasing story entitled "Bright as a Christmas Tree" was read by Mrs. Arroy. This terminated the business session of the meeting.

During the social hour which followed, Mrs. Anne Chase Spurr gathered the children about her, and delightfully entertained all present by telling a beautiful Christmas story entitled "This is Christmas". The story emphasizes the idea that Christmas is not all Santa Claus and Christmas gifts and trees, but is just of all the Christ child, who wants us to help Him celebrate Christmas by helping the less fortunate than ourselves.

David Farley then acted as Santa Claus and distributed gifts to each one present from a prettily decorated and lighted Christmas tree, this part of the Christmas meeting always being especially enjoyed by all.

Refreshments were then served by Mrs. Sheffield and the assisting hostesses Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Wells and Mrs. Clara Dickinson.

Mrs. Brown thanked all who helped to make the Christmas meeting such an enjoyable one, and announced that the next meeting on Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> would be held at her home, with Mrs. Arroy and Mrs. Steen as assisting hostesses, and asked Mrs. Sheffield to continue with the reading of the book "Sandwich".

Grace C. Sheffield, Secretary.



1936.

The first meeting of the Mothers' Club of the new year 1936 was held at the home of the president, Mrs. Inez Brown on Thursday afternoon, Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Eight members, 2 guests and 2 children were present.

The meeting was opened by the president who read the 70<sup>th</sup> Psalm. This was followed by the singing of two verses of the hymn, "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind", Mrs. Hollins, a guest, kindly accompanying at the piano.

The report of the December meeting was read by the secretary, and approved. The roll-call followed, members responding in miscellaneous items. A note of thanks from Mrs. Stanton Fleming for a note of sympathy sent her at the time of her husband's death.

Mrs. Brown read an interesting article from "The Reader's Digest" written by U.S. Senator Bennett Champ Clark of Missouri, entitled "Let our Around War". Would that all who are instrumental in bringing about war would take this detour!

Mrs. Sheffield then resumed the reading of her book "Sandwich", which will be completed next month.

The president thanked all who had taken part in the meeting, and announced that the next meeting on Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>, would be held at the home of Mrs. Arny, with Mrs. Spink and Mrs. Steen acting as co-hostesses.

The serving of refreshments by Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Arny brought a pleasant afternoon to a close. Mrs. Ritchie, altho not able to be present, acted as co-hostess with Mrs. Arny.

Grace C. Sheffield, Secretary.

The February meeting of the Mothers Club was held at the home of Mrs. Arny on Thursday afternoon, February 6<sup>th</sup>, with an attendance of nine members, one guest and two children.

The president, Mrs. Brown, opened the meeting and read the first five verses of the 71<sup>st</sup> Psalm. This was followed by the singing of two verses of the beautiful hymn "O Lord that will not let me go," with Mrs. Spink at the piano.

The records of the last meeting were then read by the secretary and approved, followed by the roll-call, members responding, as usual, with miscellaneous items.

Mrs. Gladys Stock then read a short but interesting little story entitled "Old Hand" by Rose Sante. This was followed by an amusing article from the Reader's Digest, read by Mrs. Brown, and entitled "Is there a scarcity of good husbands?"

Mrs. Sheffield then completed the reading of the "Sandwich" by Olga Schinikova.

Mrs. Brown thanked all who had taken part in the meeting, and announced that the next meeting would be held at the home of Mrs. Sheffield, with Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Erickson acting as co-hostesses.

The meeting was then brought to a close and a social hour followed, during which time refreshments were served by Mrs. Spink and Mrs. Steen, who acted as co-hostesses with Mrs. Arny.

Grace C. Sheffield, Secretary.



The March meeting of the Mothers Club was held at the home of Mrs. Sheffield on the afternoon of the 5<sup>th</sup>, with nine members, three children, and one guest present.

The President, Mrs. Brown, opened the meeting and read the eighth verse of the 34<sup>th</sup> Psalm from a book entitled "Daily Food". This was followed by the Lord's Prayer. The secretary then read the records of the last meeting which were approved. Interesting responses to the roll-call were given by the members, especially a poem about Mt. Quabbin and Enfield written by Mr. Samuel Ritchie, and read by Mrs. Stock.

Mrs. Sabot read an amusing and entertaining story by Mrs. Wilson, entitled "Lougies", telling of the trials of a young man in the throes of the growing-up process.

Mrs. Sheffield read a poem given her by Mrs. Edwin H. Howe, entitled "It was Somebody's Birthday", looking into the future and telling of an amusing episode happening on the 21<sup>st</sup> birthday of the world famous "Guns".

Mrs. Brown read two interesting articles from the "Readers Digest", one entitled "To Meet Mr. 10,001", having to do with the identification of criminals, and the other "Amateur Work", telling of Marion Bowers and the work he is doing with amateur artists.

Mrs. Brown thanked all who had taken part in the meeting and announced that the April meeting would be held at her home, with Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Heidel acting as co-hostesses.

A social hour followed the closing of the meeting and refreshments were served by Mrs. Sheffield and the co-hostesses, Mrs. Parsons and Mrs. Eva Wickman.

Grace C. Sheffield, secretary

The April meeting of the Mothers' Club was held at the home of Mrs. Walter Brown on the afternoon of the 2<sup>nd</sup>, with seven members, one died and one guest present.

The President, Mrs. Brown, opened the meeting and read the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm. This was followed by the Lord's Prayer, and the singing of a hymn. The Secretary's report of the last meeting was read and accepted. Interesting articles were read by the members in response to the roll-call.

Mrs. Brown asked all to be present at the next meeting if possible and to work out it as much as possible, as urgent business was to be brought up.

Mrs. Arvey read an article entitled "Miracles Radio has Worked" by Caroline Hoyt.

Three interesting articles from the Reader Digest were read by Mrs. Brown, entitled "Grandma in the Movies"; "Gentlemen Prefer —" and "The Good Neighbor", adapted from Jane Adams of Hull House.

Mrs. Brown said that the place of the next meeting would be announced later, with Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Stock acting as co-hostesses. Mrs. Phoebe Dickinson was asked to read some article.

A social hour followed, and refreshments were served by Mrs. Brown and the co-hostesses, Mrs. Hanson and Mrs. Hidel.

Lura Parsons.

Sec'y Pro-Tem.



The May meeting of the Mothers Club was held on the afternoon of Wednesday the 6th, at the home of the president, Mrs. Brown, with nine members and two children present.

The president opened the meeting and read the 105th psalm.

This was followed by the Lord's Prayer, and the singing of one verse of "My Faith Looks Up to Thee". The secretary read the report of the last meeting, and it was accepted. Miscellaneous responses were given to the roll-call, and brief discussions were enjoyed.

Mrs. Brown asked the members to discuss the advisability of continuing with the present Mothers Club or turning it over to the younger mothers of the town. Discussion in general followed, and then a written vote was taken on the matter, Mrs. Phoebe Dickinson and Mrs. Sabot acting as tellers. All present were in favor of continuing with the present Mothers Club. The president then appointed Mrs. Spink as a committee of one to interview the young mothers of the town to see if they would like to join with us, or start a club of their own.

Mrs. Brown then appointed as a nominating committee, Mrs. Ritchie, Mrs. Steen and Mrs. Sheffield.

Mrs. Phoebe Dickinson gave a beautiful reading entitled "A Flower for my Mother" by Clementine Paddiford, in honor of Mother's Day.

Mrs. Brown read an article from the Reader's Digest entitled "Parents Who Know Their Psychology". Following this she thanked all who had taken part in the business discussion and in the meeting in general. It was announced that the next meeting would be held with Mrs. Gladys Stock, with Mrs. Spink and Mrs. Sheffield acting as co-hostesses.

A social hour followed, and refreshments were served by Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Stock.

Grace C. Sheffield, Sec'y.

The June meeting of the Mothers Club was held at the house of Mrs. Spink the afternoon of the 4<sup>th</sup>, with the President Mrs. Brown presiding, and seven members and one guest present.

Following the opening of the meeting, the General Thanksgiving was read by all, and the Lord's Prayer repeated in unison. The Secretary then read the report of the previous meeting, which was accepted.

The President then asked for the report of the nominating committee. This was given by Mrs. Sheffield as follows:-

President	Mrs. Helia Army.	Directors { Mrs. Gladys Stock Mrs. Eva Dickinson Mrs. Leila Samson
Vice-President	Mrs. Amy Spink.	
Secretary	Mrs. Inez Brown.	

Mrs. Parsons and Mrs. Sabot acted as tellers and all officers so named above were unanimously elected.

The Secretary then called the roll, and those present responded in the various terms of interest.

The President asked Mrs. Spink a report on the result of her visits to the young mothers of town with regard to their interest in joining the Mothers Club. Mrs. Spink reported that several young mothers had been approached who said they would like to come to the meetings, but did not want to take their babies, and they found it difficult to find anyone to stay with the children at home. Some thought they could come in the evening if they had a club of their own.

Mrs. Brown read three very interesting articles from the "Reader's Digest" entitled "A Modern Miracle", "The A. Century School" and "Little Goddess of the Screen". Mrs. Brown thanked all who had helped in in any way during the year and Mrs. Army spoke briefly of the work of the coming year. The meeting was then adjourned and during the social hour that followed Mrs. Spink served delicious refreshments and cream, created by the co-hostesses Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Sheffield.

Gladys C. Sheffield, Secretary.



1936-1937

The first meeting of the Mother's Club for the year 1936-1937 was held Thursday afternoon September 3<sup>rd</sup> 1936. at the home of the newly elected president Mrs. Delia Over, with an attendance of six members and one guest.

The meeting was called to order by the president Mrs. Over, and the 121 Psalm was read in unison & the Lord's Prayer, after which a short business meeting was held. President called for record of last meeting. This was read by secretary and stood approved as read.

Under new business came the following. Should a picnic be held, the subject was well discussed, and a motion was made & seconded we have a picnic, to be held at Mt. Grace on the 14<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting, but if stormy to be held the 20<sup>th</sup>. It was a vote, and the following Committee was appointed, by President to look after the arrangements Mrs. Herbert Spink, Mrs. Samuel Pitcher. and all were to be requested to take their own lunch in place of soliciting for separate articles of food.

President then asked for a motion on changing

the day of meeting from first Thursday in the month to the first Wednesday. Motion was made & seconded this change be made it was a vote unanimous.

Roll call was responded to by members present with miscellaneous items.

The following articles from the "Reader's Digest" were read by Mrs Eva Dickinson, "Beware of the Dogs" by Albert Payson Brown, "America Faces Bankruptcy" and "Ground Invaded" by Cornelia Otis Skinner.

Mrs. Perry, president, then passed papers to each member present and requested them to write the numbers from top to bottom of the paper from 1 to 25 inclusive, she then said each number would represent a question in her possession, & we could write down an answer to each number after which she asked the question, & each in turn, read their answer, causing much merriment, after which she asked conclusions.

This concluded the entertainment.

President then asked Mrs. Satt. to give a reading at the October meeting and announced the next meeting would be with



Mrs Eva Dickinson and appointed Mrs Shirk  
as Co Hostess.

Meeting adjourned for a social hour  
with delicious refreshments served by  
Mrs Vanou & Mrs Avery.

Suey L. Brown Secy.

Delicious refreshments were then served by the hostess.

Wed. 10/25/36

At a meeting of the Mothers Club held Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> 1936. at the home of Mrs Eva Dickinson there was an attendance of 8 members. Mrs Avery President opened the meeting with the reading of 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm, followed with the Lords Prayer & Song 16<sup>th</sup> from the Mothers hymnal. Dear Lord and Master of mankind. Pres. then gave notice of next meeting being Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> and asked for a volunteer meeting place. Mrs. Heidel extended an invitation to meet in her home & Mrs. May Brown was appointed co-hostess and should see things happen to prevent Mrs. Heidel from having this meeting at her home the order of things were to be reversed & Mrs. Brown would have them. Mrs. Spink was asked to furnish a reading at the next meeting.

Roll call was then responded to by the members with a miscellaneous response. Mrs. Tabor read from the Ladies Home Journal an article entitled "Girl meets Boy" by Annie Kilbourne. Mrs. Avery then read from the Radio Mirror an article about the Smiths. Meeting then adjourned to Wednesday Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Dickinson & Mrs. Spink.

Lucy L. Brown Secy.



At a meeting of the Mothers Club held  
Wednesday afternoon Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> 1936.

in the home of <sup>Mrs</sup> Geneva B. Hidel there was  
an attendance of 9 members and our guest.  
Mrs Avery President opened the meeting with  
reading in unison the "General Thanks giving"  
on the Mother's Hymnal and song \* 12 from  
the same book. "My Faith Looks up to Thee."

Secy's records of previous meeting called for and  
read by secy. stood approved as read.

President announced the next meeting would  
be the Christmas meeting & would be held  
in the home of Mrs Sheffield Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> with  
Mrs Wells, Mrs Weston, and Mrs Phoebe  
Dickinson as assisting hostesses. Mrs Phoebe  
Dickinson was asked to furnish a reading  
for the Dec. meeting. The President then  
asked each member to bring a 10<sup>th</sup> gift for the  
tree at the Christmas Party. A reading from  
the Readers Digest, "New England Comes  
Back" was read by the president. "So they talk of  
Har." from Good Housekeeping by Mrs Brown  
and "A Reasonable Hour." from the Household  
Magazine and "Granny Churn's Crazy House"  
by Mrs Spink.

The President then thanked all present for their hearty cooperation in making the meeting a success. Meeting then closed and a social hour followed, at which Mrs. Heidel and Mrs. Brown served refreshments of sandwiches cake and tea.

Inez L. Brown secy



At a meeting of the "Mothers Club" held Wednesday afternoon Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1936. in home of Mrs Grace Sheffield there was an attendance of 12 members & 29 guests it being the annual Christmas party and Christmas tree, for the mother's and children. President Mrs Avery called the meeting to order and read from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chapter of Matthew the first 12 verses. The Lords Prayer was then repeated by all present. Song #1 from Mothers Song Book. "Hark The Herald Angel Sing" was sung. The secys records were read and stood approved as read.

The president Mrs Avery then announced the meeting January 6<sup>th</sup> would be held with Mrs Walter Brown and Mrs Stock as assistant hostess, and that Mrs Richard Dickinson would read upon that date as Mrs Sheffield was to read this afternoon in place of Mrs Dickinson. Roll was then called and all members responded with either a Christmas selection or an item of interest.

Reading Mrs Sheffield "A Comfort to Annie" which was a truly Christmas story. Mrs Avery read a most article entitled "Why the Chinese Paug."

Which was the name of the Christmas play soon  
to be given in Town Hall by the public school  
children. Meeting then adjourned for social  
hour and Christmas party, with distribution of  
gifts to those present from a gorgeously adorned  
Christmas tree. Mrs Anna Spurr read a  
story to the children present, intitled  
"A Merry Christmas", which was enjoyed  
by all. After which tasty and neatly pre-  
pared refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs Sheffield  
Mrs Wells, Mrs L. A. Weston, & Mrs Thos Dickinson.

Inez L. Brown secy.



1937

Records of last meeting called for  
stood approved as read.

At a meeting of the Mothers Club held  
Wednesday afternoon Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> 1937. In the home  
of Mrs Walter L. Brown. There was an attendance  
of 8 members, this being the first meeting  
of 1937.

Meeting was called to order by the president  
Mrs Delia Avery who opened meeting with  
a song from the Mothers Hymnal entitled  
"Our Children," and sung to the tune of  
"My Faith looks up to Thee" and the Lords Prayer  
repeated in unison. Mrs Marsh presided  
at the piano.

Under new business the president<sup>Feb 3</sup> asked  
for a meeting place for the next meeting and  
Mrs Marsh kindly offered her home for the  
meeting, and Mrs Grace Sheffield was  
appointed assistant hostess.

Roll Call was responded to with miscellaneous  
items. Mrs Avery then read a story, "Holy  
Night" sent by Mrs Phoebe Dickinson.

Two <sup>mental</sup> games were then presented by the  
president, "Betty makes Coffee" and the  
second one State Abbreviations which  
certainly was good for refreshing ~~the~~ memory.  
along the lines of geography.

Meeting then closed, and the hostess  
Mrs Inez L. Brown, assistant hostess  
Mrs Gladys Stock served gingerbread and  
whipped cream to the members with tea and  
coffee.

Inez L. Brown secy.



At a regular meeting of the "Mothers Club" held Wednesday afternoon Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1931 at the home of Mrs. Burton Marsh, with two members present. Mrs. Corey the president called the meeting to order. Meeting opened with reading of "Kashan 1" and repeating the Lord's Prayer, in unison, after which song 16 from the Mothers Hymnal was sung. "Dear Lord and Master of Mankind." Records of previous meeting read by self. stood approved, as read.

Under new business the president announced Mrs. Allen was taking the place of Mrs. Sheffield as co-hostess, and that the meeting for March 3<sup>rd</sup> would be held at the home of Mrs. Sheffield and appointed Mrs. Blady Stock as assisting hostess, president then asked Mrs. Marsh to read at this meeting.

At the roll call miscellaneous responses were given by the members.

Mrs. Brown read an article entitled "Bright Lilies at Evening" by Kerry Wood. Meeting was then closed the president thanking all for their part in the meeting.

Each guest member then had their fortune  
told by a psychic, by the name of Mrs. Emma  
Hickel which was very amusing. A  
social hour followed after which  
Mrs. Marsh & Mrs. Stines hostesses served  
most delicious refreshments with tea.

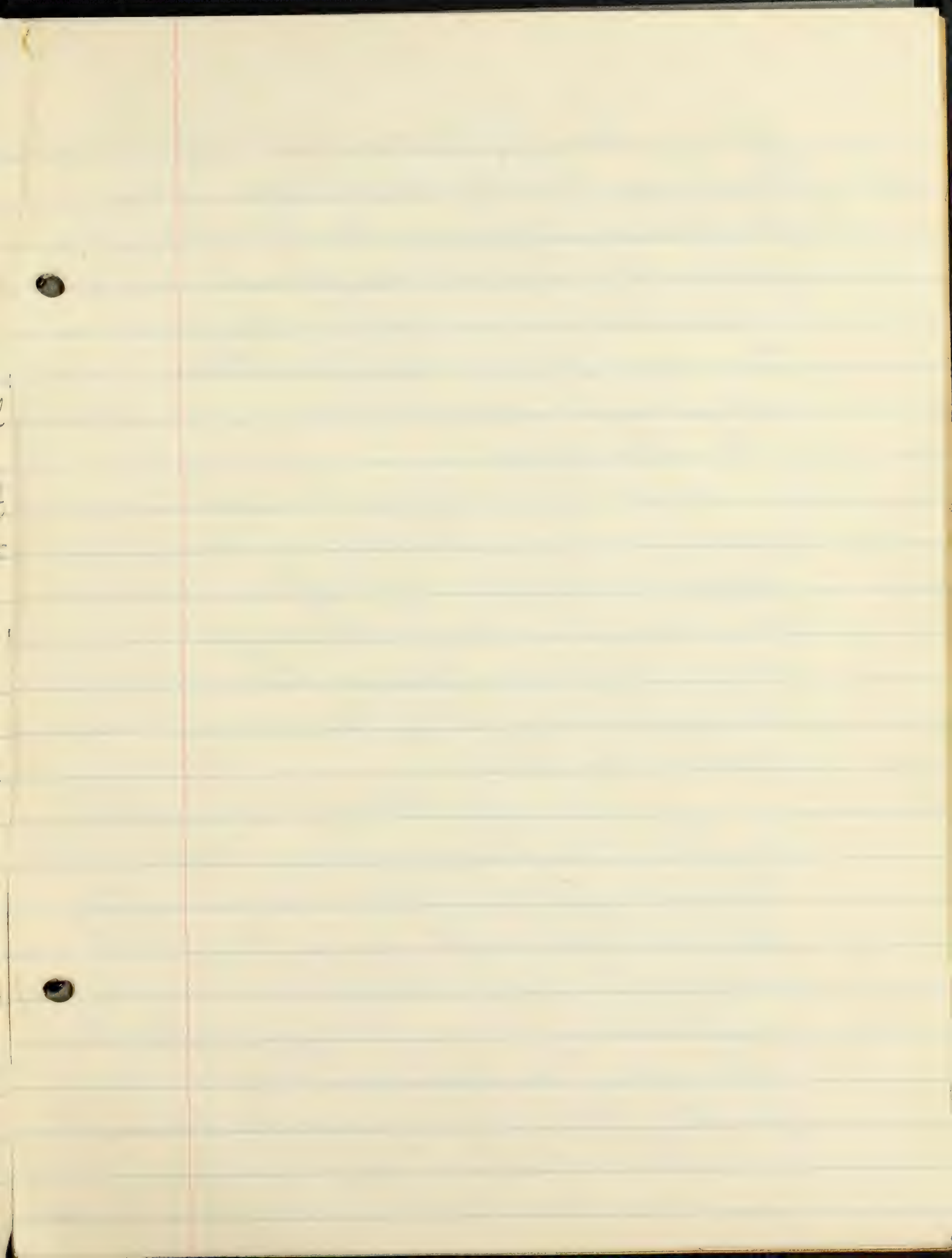
Sue L. Brown Secy.



March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1937.

The Mothers Club met at the home of Mrs Sheffield with 6 members present, the meeting opened with the president reading from the bible, St Mark, chaps. 16 and all joined in the Lords prayer. Mrs Damon was chosen to fill the scribe's place. The roll was called, all answered with several interesting responses. We are to meet with Mrs Avery for our April meeting, if no better place is offered. Mrs Damon is to help the hostess on refreshments, and Mrs Isolat was asked to read for us. Mrs Isolat read a short story for our name "Not pretty but good natured" written by Faye Langelle Mitchell. After our meeting we all enjoyed games and fortunes. And lovely refreshments were served by Mrs Sheffield & Mrs Gladys Stock.

Mrs Damon Secy pro-tem.





At a meeting of the "Mother's Club" held in the home of the President Mrs Avery Wednesday afternoon April 7<sup>th</sup> 1937. The following program was given.

Reading in unison the "General Thanksgiving" on back of Mother's Hymnal and song 20 from the same book, repeating of the Lords Prayer.

President then asked for a place of meeting for May meeting. Mrs Duffield + Mrs Spink both offered and as they were to be the hostesses for that afternoon it was left for them to decide which should extend the use of their home for the meeting.

Mrs Brown was asked to preside at the May meeting. There were 17 members present all responding to roll call with short items. Mrs Sebott read a story "Under the Big Lady G. man." from the Ladies Home Journal by Booth Tarkington. The president <sup>then</sup> thanked all present for their services to make the meeting a success. Meeting then closed and a guessing game was played with a paper pinned on back

of each member this contained the name  
of a radio star + sentences were then told  
~~from~~<sup>by</sup> a Chinese method. The hostesses  
Mrs Avery + Mrs Dawson then served  
delicious refreshments of sandwiches +  
cake with tea.

Elizabeth L. Brown Secy.



A regular meeting of the "Mothers Club" was held in the home of Mrs Amy Spink May 5<sup>th</sup> 1937. Meeting called to order by the President Mrs Avery with the following program. Song #2 from "Mothers Hymnal" reading of the General Thanks giving hymn and repeating Lords Prayer. Records of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

President then announced the next meeting which was the annual meeting would be held with Mrs Gladys Stock on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and appointed Mrs Phoebe Dickinson and Mrs Eva Dickinson as Co-hostesses.

The president then appointed the following persons as a nominating Committee Mrs Amy Spink, Mrs Gladys Stock and Mrs Geneva Heibel. At the roll call members participated with miscellaneous items and Mrs Spink gave a very interesting and instructive talk on arranging of flowers. Mrs Brown read two articles from the "Prairie Digest". "Read before you Crash" & "Herb hunters".

President then thanked all present who had assisted in any way to make the meeting a success. Mental games were then enjoyed. After which delicious refreshments of fruit salad, rolls, cake & tea were served by Mrs Spink.

Mrs L. Brown Secy.



A regular meeting of the "Mother's Club" was held in the home of Mrs Gladys Stock on the afternoon of Wednesday June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1937. Mrs Delia Avery president of the club presided, meeting was called to order by the president and song 22 from Mother's Hymnal was sung followed with reading of the 121 Psalm and repeating of the Lord's Prayer. 17 members and 2 guests were present. There being no old business to complete new business was then taken up and the report of the nominating committee called for Mrs Amy Spink chairman of this com. reported a lack of success in obtaining the new Officers, and suggested that nominations be made from the floor. Motion made & seconded we put this suggestion to a vote after a liberal discussion discussion of all connected with the club and still no member being willing to assume the duties of President or Secretary it was thought best to disband so a motion was made & seconded the Mother's Club disband. it was a vote. The matter of having a picnic this year was then discussed at some length and



it was finally agreed we have a picnic  
this year on June 8 "if fair if weather  
was foul, to hold it the 15" and that it  
would be held at the Potter residence, it  
was a vote. Motion was made & seconded  
all bring their dinners & meet at above place  
between twelve and one o'clock p.m. Meeting  
then closed with a contest on guessing of  
advertisements which we see in the  
magazines. Delicious refreshments of  
sandwiches & cake with tea were then served  
by the hostess Mrs Stock and her two  
assistants Mrs Richard Dickinson &  
Mrs Edward F. Dickinson.

Thus we bring the "Mothers Club" of Enfield  
Mass. to a close after nearly 30 years of active  
service.

Inez L. Brown Secy.



Minnie M. Cross

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